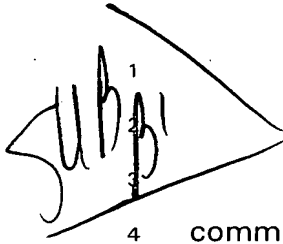


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:



1. A receptacle comprising:

a base;

a passage having an end portion, the passage in communication with the base;

wherein the end portion further comprises:

a slot provided on a side of the end portion; and  
a closed top.

2. The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot is configured to receive cigarettes.

3. The receptacle of Claim 2, wherein the slot has a width of less than one half inch.

4. The receptacle of Claim 3, wherein the slot has a length of less than two and one half inches.

5. The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot has a width of at least one quarter inch.

6. The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot is configured to receive cigars.

7. A receptacle comprising:

a base having an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein the upper portion has at least a first width, and the lower portion has at least a second width, and wherein the second width is substantially equal to or wider than the first width;

6 a passage having an end portion, the passage in  
7 communication with the base;

8 wherein the end portion further comprises:

9 a slot provided on a side of the end portion; and

10 a closed top.

1 8. The receptacle of Claim 7, wherein the base has a base height,  
2 and the ratio of the base height to the second width is at least 1:1.

1 9. The receptacle of Claim 7, wherein the receptacle has a  
2 receptacle height, and the ratio of the receptacle height to the second  
3 width is at least 3:1.

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